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BISHOP CHECKS TRUMP



'Immigration to East End source of unique Essex energy'

EXCLUSIVE

By Steve Neale

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IMMIGRATION has changed Essex and east London for the better according to the Bishop of Chelmsford.

Commenting on statements American presidential candidate Donald Trump has made about Muslims and Mexicans, Bishop Stephen Cottrell said fears about immigration could be better understood by the biblical parable of the Good Samaritan.

In Jesus's story, a Jew is robbed and left for dead. A priest goes by, and then a lawyer. Neither helps.

The Samaritan provides aid, even though he is part of a rival religious group at war with the Jews.

Bishop Cottrell said: "We don't realise how very provocative that story is – encouraging us to see that everyone is our neighbour and that we need them.

"An analogy of that today would be perhaps Donald Trump. He falls among thieves. He's left for dead.

"Somebody from the Republican Party walks by and doesn't help him. Another 'good' person walks by and doesn't help him. And then a Mexican, an illegal immigrant,

comes along and gives him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. It's the last person you'd expected it to be."

The bishop described Essex and east London as a unique place to live, in part because of a long history of immigration.

He said: "I think it's important not to overplay it. You know, people are people. But I think there is in Essex a creativity and an entrepreneurial spirit that you don't see in quite the same way in other places.

"I suspect that although some people may not like to hear it, one of the reasons for this spirit is immigration, because over the centuries there has been this close relationship between Essex and the East End of London.

"That makes us a bit lippy. And makes us sometimes, you know, a bit too pleased with ourselves. There's a downside to it.

"But the upside I think is something very wonderful – a creativity and energy, which I definitely see in Essex."

The bishop was speaking to the *Yellow Advertiser* as part of the newspaper's annual Easter interview.

He also described why Christians "embraced" pagan festivals within Christmas and Easter celebrations, and how Essex people played a vital role in the Christian movement over the last 1,000 years.



TRUMP THAT: The Bishop of Chelmsford Stephen Cottrell (top) has reminded his Essex flock – and Republican US presidential candidate Donald Trump (above) – that we may all one day need the miracle of a modern day Good Samaritan

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Abuse diary goes missing

EXCLUSIVE

By Charles Thomson

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POLICE investigating an alleged Shoebury paedophile ring 'cover-up' are searching for a diary which could hold vital clues.

Government papers show police seized the book – which contained names and addresses of individuals in London – from the home of a convicted paedophile in the late 1980s – but it later reportedly went 'missing'.

The book was taken from a man jailed a year later for his role in what Essex Council described as a 'sex ring' targeting 'adolescent boys'.

He and one other man were

convicted in 1990 of child sex offences, but four whistleblowers have now come forward to report that several young victims disclosed abuse by many more men.

Two sources – both former charity workers who helped prepare the victims for court – have told the *YA* that boys reported abuse by gangs of men in Essex and London.

Essex Police announced in early March that it was conducting a formal review of the original investigation after the whistleblowers – whose accounts were described by Police Commissioner Nick Alston as 'credible' – said multiple victims were never interviewed, other alleged perpetrators were not prosecuted and most victims never received



SHOCKWAVE Recent Yellow Advertiser investigations into Shoeburyness historic child abuse allegations

appropriate after-care.

Essex Council records from 1989 describe a meeting where police officers discussed the

alleged paedophile ring with Social Services, charity workers and staff from a local school.

The papers state that one of the officers – from Leigh CID – told the meeting that police were 'following up' names and addresses of individuals in London, found in the diary.

But the Yellow Advertiser has seen typewritten notes, dated six months later, of a meeting between charity workers, where it was reported that the book had since gone 'missing'.

Multiple whistleblowers have told the *YA* they recall being told at the time, by people involved in the case, that the diary had been lost.

Essex Police confirmed last week that it was investigating what happened to the evidence.

A spokesman said: "Police are aware of the existence of a notebook from an investigation

into abuse by two convicted offenders in the 1980s, which may contain information relevant to our current review.

"We are now examining our records to establish what happened to the notebook."

Officers are urging anybody with information about the alleged paedophile ring to contact them by dialling 101.

Alternatively, victims can call these specialist helplines:

● National Association for People Abused in Childhood – 0808 801 0331.

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Jail terms for acid attack couple

A MAN and woman have been jailed over an acid attack in Thundersley.

Ashley Russell, 29, of Sunnedon, and Christina Storey, 31, of Studland Avenue in Wickford, were jailed for a combined 25 years for what police described as an 'unprovoked attack'.

The pair followed victim Darren Pidgeon as he drove his car through Thundersley and then, as both cars stopped at a dead end, Russell approached Pidgeon's car, splashed acid in his face and punched him.

Russell then got back in



APPALLING Callous attackers Russell and Storey

his car and was driven away from the scene by Storey.

Both were convicted of



throwing a corrosive acid with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

Russell was jailed for 17

years while Storey was jailed for eight.

DI Chris Rose said: "I am pleased the jury have found Russell and Storey guilty of this appalling and unprovoked attack.

"This has been a long and difficult investigation for Darren and his family, and I hope that this verdict can provide them with an element of closure, and the knowledge that justice has been done.

"It should also send a message to anyone considering carrying out this type of crime that they will be found out and put before the courts."



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Rape victim's name leaked

POLICE have arrested a second person for breaching the anonymity of a rape victim as part of their enquiries around a man who absconded from court after being convicted.

The 18-year-old man from Southend was arrested on Thursday morning and questioned before being released on police bail until May 17.

The case relates to the search for Adrian Horwat, who fled from Southend Crown Court on Monday March 14, prior to his sentencing for a rape conviction is continuing.

A 21-year-old woman from Southend, who was also arrested on suspicion of breaching the anonymity of a rape victim under section five of the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1992, is on police bail until May 19.

Anyone with information about Horwat's current whereabouts they are asked to contact police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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EASTER MESSAGE

Living on the edge

Bishop of Chelmsford, the Rt Rev Stephen Cottrell speaks to Stephen Neale about immigration, Donald Trump and the history of Christianity in Essex

You travel all over the UK. Is there anything special about the character of Essex?

People are people wherever you go to in the world. There's a common humanity, and it's important not to think that some people are more special than others.

But I am from Essex, and I have a great love for Essex, and there is a creativity and an entrepreneurial spirit that you don't see in quite the same way in other places.

What has created that 'spirit'?

I suspect that, although some people may not like to hear it, one of the reasons is immigration. Because over the centuries there has been this close relationship between Essex and the East End of London.

Wave after wave of immigration has come to the East End, and often people filter out into other parts. So in Essex there's been a history of immigration. And a history of movement. That makes us a bit lippy. And makes us sometimes a bit too pleased with ourselves.

But the upside is something wonderful – a creativity and energy, which I see more in Essex than in other places.

Do you mean a bit Del Boyish?

Well, he was south London. And I wouldn't want to stereotype it too much. But I'm aware of an entrepreneurial spirit in Essex and a creativity.

A lot of writers and musicians come to Essex, and there always seem to be more X Factor finalists from Essex



SERVICE: Bishop Stephen Cottrell and right, performing duties on a formal occasion Jesus stood up to authority, didn't he? Well, what is the story of Easter? On the one hand it's the story of the most cruel and pointless death. Many people say, "If there was ever an innocent man put to death, it was Jesus Christ." But the other side of the story is the resurrection: That God raised this Jesus to life.

Is that spirit in you too?

I'm an Essex boy. And I think it probably is. It's a slightly anti-establishment thing as well. And that's all right as long as you keep all those things in perspective. They can be very powerful forces for good. But one has to be cautious. A proper respect for good authority is also important.

...pay Caesar's things to Caesar?

Render to Caesar what is Caesar's, render to God what's God's. So there's a proper respect one has for order and government. But there's also an, "I'm not going to take this lying down if I think this is wrong", approach.

What I like about Essex is there's a proper respect for authority and good order, but if people think something is wrong they will say so.



yes. They'd like to be healed of their bereavement in the sense of the person coming back to life. But they know that isn't on offer.

So I say: "Would you like the grief taken away?" And they often reply: "Well, no. Because my bereavement is the sign of my love. If I stop grieving for the one I love, I would have stopped loving them. I don't want it to stop because I don't want to stop loving."

That is a profound mystery. That actually, a person would rather carry on hurting than stop loving. I think most of us know that. That love sometimes hurts. But the hurt, paradoxically is the side of the love. What the cross shows us, through the sacrifice of Jesus, is God's love for us. He chose to hurt for us.

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Christianity in Essex

How did Christianity arrive in Essex?

The most significant date is 654AD. That's not the date Christianity arrived; that's the date somebody called St Cedd arrived. Cedd was a monk on Lindisfarne, at Holy Island on the Northumbrian coast. We don't know exactly when the first Christians came. Probably the first Christian was a Roman slave. A Jewish religion, then a slave religion. So either a Roman centurion or one of their slaves was the first Christian in these isles.

Who was Cedd?

Cedd was a monk. And monks in those days were missionaries; so that's what he trained as. In the middle of the eighth century, Cedd travels down the East Coast. He landed on the Dengie Peninsula, at what we now know as Bradwell. The reason he probably landed there is because there was an ancient Roman settlement there. A fort. The British Isles in those days were at the furthest reaches of what was the Roman Empire. It got to us last. So we got pretty good records of what was said to date and you can read about it in that book by Bede. We know Cedd went to Southminster. Which is also on the Dengie Peninsula.



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SACRED SITE: St Peter's Chapel, Bradwell

Was Southminster particularly significant?

The word 'minster' is the giveaway word. If you find the word in an English place, it usually means it has some sort of monastic heritage linked to it. Then he went to Up-minster'. Again the word tells you. So he set up these kind of mission centres. And from those, the monks of his community would go and take the Christian faith to the surrounding villages.

So the seventh century was an important date?

That's the most significant time in the history of Christianity in Essex. Not the first person to bring the Christian faith. But the first person to do it in a significant, organised, successful way. There were other significant points in the history for Essex. They were not dates, but places.

Where are they?

Barking Abbey was very significant. And the Abbess Ethelburga was very famous. What's interesting about Barking Abbey is that the most significant person in its history was a woman, which of course was pretty revolutionary in those days – that a woman that was the head of a monastic order that had men in it. Then there's Waltham Abbey. Another very significant place.

What impact did Christianity have on the Essex landscape?

Well, it's how we have inherited a parish system. As Christianity took root, every town and village would have its church. And so today across Essex we have hundreds and hundreds of medieval churches. Very few of them are anywhere near as old as the chapel of Bradwell.

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Pupils at Friars Primary School Shoebury build a keyhole garden with Send a Cow Charity

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PUPILS at a Shoebury school made a keyhole garden, went on a bug hunt and rigged up a tip tap after they deserted the classroom for an outside day.

The youngsters from Friars Primary School in Constable Way were inspired by charity Send a Cow, which pioneers these gardens in Africa.

A central basket holds compost which feeds vegetables planted around it inside a brick frame. It is a great way to grow plants all year round – and an ideal way to help African families feed themselves.

Teacher Stephanie Eastment said: “The children had a fantastic day and thoroughly enjoyed a variety of activities.

“We hope to hold some fundraising events later and send a cow to Africa ourselves.

“The idea is to buy a pregnant cow so that the calf can be handed on to help another family as well.”

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BRICK BY BRICK: Youngsters build a wall in the keyhole garden

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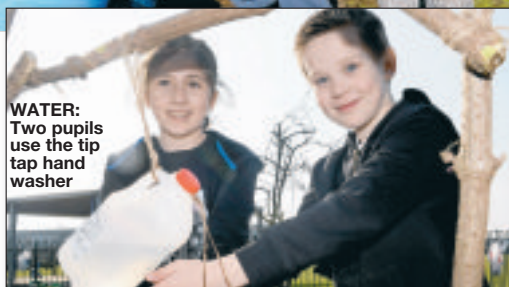
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NEWS

INNOCENT

- Ex MP finally cleared of abuse allegations
- Case of 'VIP ring' too weak to be referred

By Charles Thomson

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FORMER Billericay MP Harvey Proctor has been cleared of all allegations in an investigation into historic child abuse and a murder. The same inquiry found that former Prime Minister Ted Heath was also innocent of any similar claims.

The Metropolitan Police Service announced this week that it was shutting down Operation Midland, which probed allegations of a VIP paedophile ring at the heart of Government in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

A statement issued by the force said investigations often result in no action against individuals, and that "everyone is innocent unless proven guilty in a court."

Mr Proctor was one of several high profile figures named in allegations made by a single accuser. The indecent 'incidents' reportedly took place between 1975 and 1984.

In a press conference last August, Mr Proctor described the police probe as "inept", adding: "If it was not so serious, it would be laughable. It is so far-fetched. It is unbelievable



Picture: Charles Thomson

CLEARED Harvey Proctor described police probe as "inept" and "laughable"

because it is not true."

Seven months later, after an investigation which spanned almost 18 months and cost more than £1.7million, police decided the case was too weak even to be referred to the CPS for a charging decision.

In a statement issued through his solicitors, Mr Proctor called for senior officers involved in the investigation to resign, including Detective Superintendent Kenny McDonald, who publicly stated in December 2014 that he

believed the accuser's allegations to be "credible and true".

Mr Proctor also called for his accuser to be prosecuted for "seeking to pervert the course of justice".

He added: "I believe Operation Midland should now be the subject of a truly independent public inquiry."

A Met Police spokesman said: "In September 2015 the force acknowledged that the use of the phrase 'credible and true' at a media appeal could have given the wrong impression that the outcome of the investigation was being pre-empted. However, an open mind was retained throughout."

"In the course of the investigation, officers have not found evidence to prove that they were knowingly misled by a complainant."

"The force will not apologise for carrying out its duty to investigate serious allegations of non-recent abuse. We recognise, however, how unpleasant it is for an individual to be investigated and to have their innocence publicly questioned."

Mr Proctor said he planned to publish a memoir, which will include coverage of the Operation Midland.

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She was due to have a home birth but Honey had other ideas.

Lindsey Gillingham, senior team leader for children's services, said: "This has been a momentous occasion for the children's centres."

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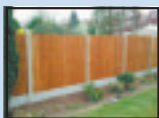
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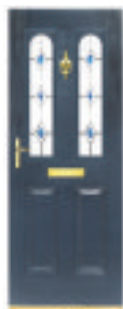
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A WOMAN from Rayleigh has been reunited with the ambulance crews who saved her life after a sudden cardiac arrest a year ago.

When Nicola Worts, 48, of Rayleigh, experienced chest pains, she and husband Lee called 111 for help. The call was swiftly passed to the East of England Ambulance Service.

When an ambulance crew arrived, Nicola appeared to no longer be in pain, but as she stood up she collapsed, and went into cardiac arrest. At that moment, backup arrived in the form of paramedics Tracey Bennett and Kevin McEvoy.

This was newly-qualified Tracey's first cardiac arrest patient, but after 16 minutes of CPR and four shocks with a defibrillator, Tracey and Kevin restarted Nicola's heart.

Tracey said: "I never thought we weren't going to bring her back, even though those 16 minutes felt like forever." Kevin added: "I've never experienced a cardiac arrest like this one."

Nicola was taken to Southend Hospital where she spent several weeks recovering. She discovered later that she had experienced a spontaneous coronary artery dissection (SCAD) – a rare type of heart attack.

Lee said: "It's been tough at times, and I often worried her in cotton wool in the beginning, but slowly the old Nicola came back to us."

Nicola added: "My thanks to everyone who helped save my life – if it wasn't for them I wouldn't be here today. My cardiologist, Dr Tom Keeble at Southend Hospital has been fantastic as well."

Nicola now helps with research on SCAD at Glenfield Hospital in Leicester.

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I am a quarter Belgian, courtesy of a maternal grandfather. While I consider myself English, I still have an affinity with that small nation. Recent news has made me think of the land of the Walloons and Flemish. It is just awful what has gone on there, awful. Innocent lives lost to the whims of psychopaths.

We must not allow such tragedies to allow irrational judgements to be made. Just as all Catholics are not responsible for the ill deeds of the IRA – and I am an atheist of Catholic descent – so it is also true of Muslims.

Those that plan and carry out such atrocities must be brought to justice. But to rush to judgement, to impose draconian measures, to label whole communities as terrorists or terrorist sympathisers is to hand a victory to those

who commit these dastardly acts.

We must pause, take stock, and embark on a measured response. We have to do what we can to protect all of us. We also need to retain our civilised approach to each other. This small rock called Earth has to accommodate all sorts of people with all sorts of outlooks on life.

We also need to strive for a fairer and more equal world, one where peace reigns.

Julian Ware-Lane
Westcliff-on-Sea

What about the needs of local people?

ON Tuesday, March 22, I attended the Rayleigh Council meeting regarding a discussion and voting for approval or rejection of the proposed Rawreth Lane/Hullbridge Road roundabout, plus the erection of 500 or more dwellings on the Malyons Farm, Hullbridge.

I witnessed what can only be described as one of the most blatant injustices and miscarriages of planning development known.

It was obvious to every member of the public present, as well as those brave souls who stood up to be counted, including our MP Mark Francoise, who had wasted their time and efforts in pointing out the many reasons why these proposed developments should not go ahead in their

present forms.

They actually did fall on deaf ears.

I always used to think local and district councils looked after the needs and aspirations of those people within their constituencies, to provide a better environment for us to live and bring up our families. I have just found out how misguided my views were.

For example, refusing to recognise the need for an improvement of local infrastructure to accommodate additional construction traffic, prior to this 10-year development, in an already congested village road network, is beyond belief.

It was most evident the bud-die, buddie system is rife within this council chamber, as those who voted to accept the proposals placed before them, had already made their pact with each other.

Be aware, democracy has just fallen in your community.

Keith Ager
Hullbridge

Child abuse does not discriminate

HIGH profile child sexual exploitation cases (CSE) like those in Rotherham and Rochdale have led many people to assume that all CSE victims are white British girls. But it's not the case.

Worryingly, this stereotype highlighted in Barnardo's new report, It's Not on the Radar,

means that some front-line workers may be missing children affected by CSE.

Evidence shows that this vile form of abuse affects children regardless of gender, sexuality, ethnicity, faith, disability, background or upbringing.

Research has found that children and young people with a disability are three times more likely to be abused than children without a disability, while one in five children we help in our own services is male.

In addition, young people questioning their sexuality and searching for advice may be more vulnerable to being groomed online.

Professionals need training to help them identify children who have experienced or are at risk of CSE. This should include recognising that a young person with a learning disability may have a developmental age that is different to their real age; changing the attitude that boys who have sex with older women should be grateful, rather than this being child abuse; not focusing on just one ethnic community above others, and realising that girls can be sexually exploited by older females under the guise of friendship.

Barnardo's also wants organisations to work better together and to share information on the diversity of victims.

It's also critical that school lessons focus on sex and healthy relationships to help children feel more confident in identifying risks. This should include information on all types of relationships.

It's vital that young people, families and experts understand that this horrific form of child abuse can affect any child or young person. Assumptions must not be made – each victim has their own vulnerabilities.

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Javed Khan
Chief Executive, Barnardo's

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National strikes are black-mail by any other name.

As the PM says, "We are all in this together".

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Frederick Noakes
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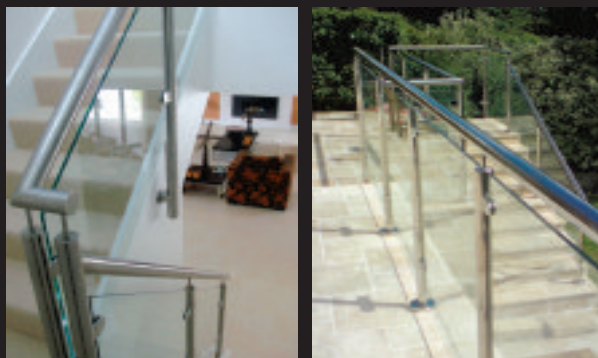
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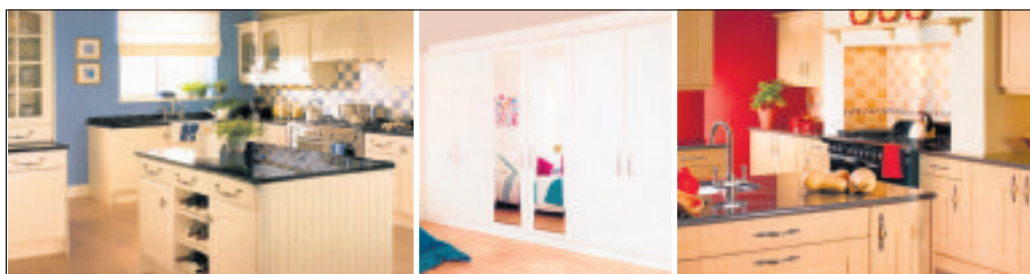


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SCHOOL attendance in Essex is at its highest for more than a decade, according to statistics published on Thursday.

The Department for Education's latest data shows the percentage of sessions missed in state-funded schools in Essex fell to 4.4 per cent in the 2014/15 academic year – down slightly from 4.5 per cent in 2013/14 and at its lowest for more than ten years.

The figure, which includes primary, secondary and special schools, is better

than both the East of England and national averages.

The continued improvements come following close work between Essex County Council's Missing Education and Child Employment Service (previously known as the Education Welfare Service) and the county's schools.

Cllr Ray Gooding, Essex County Council's cabinet member for education and lifelong learning, said: "There are clear links between attendance and

attainment, and we are committed to ensuring all pupils achieve their full potential.

"We work very closely with Essex's schools and I am pleased they have achieved the highest rates of school attendance for more than a decade.

"Where a pupil is failing to attend school on a regular basis, schools work with families to try to resolve any issues that may be preventing attendance."

Lights switch in Essex

ESSEX County Council will convert some 19,000 of all-night streetlights to LED, saving approximately £600k a year as a result of savings in energy and maintenance costs, as well as carbon taxes.

The authority is investing £9.2m into the project, £4.3m of which will be forward funded by an interest free Government loan. Beginning this year and scheduled to be completed in 2018, the LED conversion project will deliver payback over ten years and a return on investment of 115% by year 20. Electricity consumption on the affected lighting stock is estimated to reduce by 63% as a result of the LED conversion project. In 2015, the council carried out a countywide pilot of 1,700 all night streetlights, aimed at evaluating the energy savings, road safety and traffic management benefits of LED technology.

Cllr Rodney L Bass, Essex County Council's portfolio holder for infrastructure said: "The significant cost savings aside, there are a number of clear advantages attached to upgrading our all night streetlights to LED."

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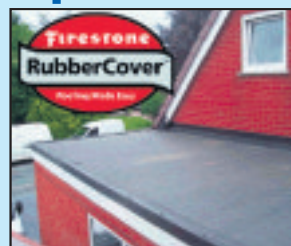
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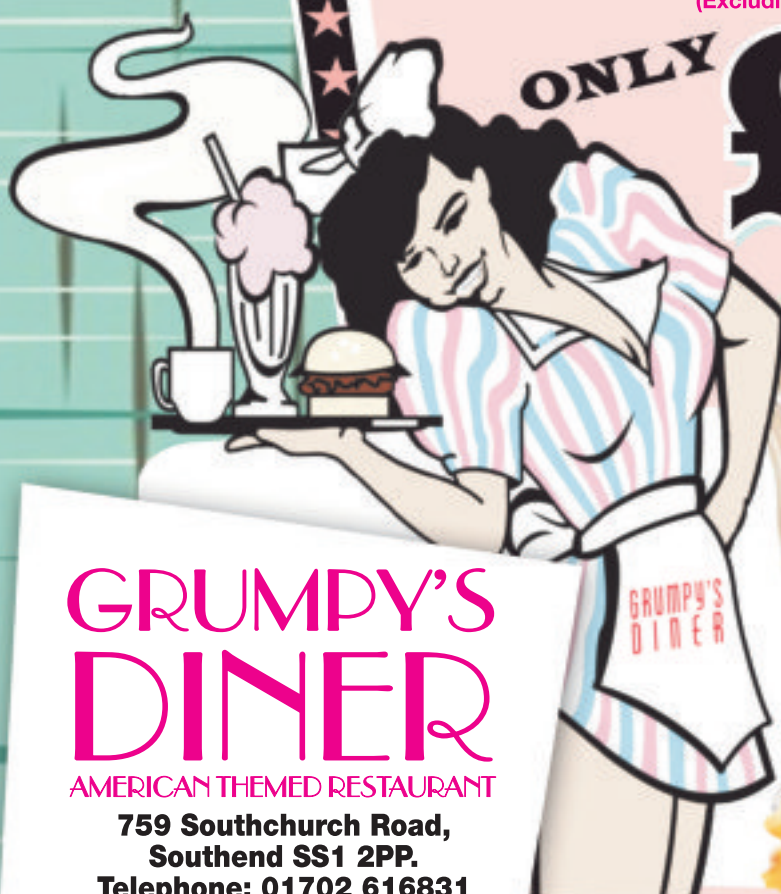
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CAST: Paul Walker, left, plays Francis Fryer; Phil Merriam, is Henry Miller; Lauren Brimson, plays Susan; Grace Ward, takes the role of Calamity Jane; James Knapp is Lt Danny Gilman; Ross Rogers plays Wild Bill Hickok and Jess Merriam is Katie Brown

By **LIZ WADE**

ESSEX Police Musical Society will be staging a production of Calamity Jane to celebrate their 50th anniversary, but it is not the first time they have done it.

In fact, it was their first production in the newly constructed Assembly Hall at Essex Police Headquarters, Chelmsford, back in 1966.

They will once again be performing the musical in the hall from Tuesday to Saturday, April 12 to 16, as a special anniversary show.

In the 1876 Wild West outpost of Deadwood City, gun-toting

tomboy, Calamity Jane, dresses like a man and drives the city stagecoach.

Wild Bill Hickok and well-meaning but disaster-prone Jane try to help the local saloon proprietor out of a jam by promising to fetch a music hall star from Chicago.

However, a case of mistaken identity in Chicago lands Jane in hot water with the townsfolk back home. Will this tough cookie be able to turn things around and win them over, and will she win the heart of her secret love?

This comedy Western includes many tender moments and some famous musical numbers including Deadwood Stage, Black Hills

of Dakota and, of course, Windy City.

While it has been 50 years since The Police Headquarters Musical Society first staged Calamity Jane in 1966, the history of the group goes beyond that.

In the late 1940s a few police officers and their wives started a group called The New Court Players, and went on to perform small plays in a wooden hut near police headquarters, in Springfield, Chelmsford.

When some of the original members moved from the headquarters, and others retired, the number of members fell. The small number that remained made a

decision to perform a musical – Calamity Jane – and The New Court Players became The Police Headquarters Musical Society.

In the 1980s the society was renamed The Essex Police Musical Society, and since then they have produced two shows each year at the Assembly Hall.

More than 50 years later they are still going strong and over the last few years they have seen a rise in membership. This year they are also supporting three worthy causes – COPS, The Care of Police Survivors, as well as Kids Inspire and the Essex Air Ambulance.

Sally Low, a member of the society, said: "Many police forces

traditionally have choirs, many of which historically are male voice choirs, but we believe that EPMS are the only police musical society in the country and possibly the world.

"EPMS takes no money from the public purse and are totally self-funding, although we are grateful to the chief constable for allowing us to use the police HQ facilities for the production of our shows."

Another drama society will also be putting on another equally entertaining musical at the Palace Theatre, Southend, from April 13 to 16.

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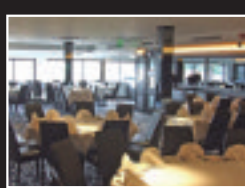


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Stage Dolly snares her man

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Southend Operatic and Dramatic Society will be presenting Hello, Dolly! – the tale of widow, Dolly Levi. It follows her efforts to marry well-known half-a-millionaire, Horace Vandergelder, and send his money circulating among the people like rain-water the way her late husband, Ephraim Levi, taught her.

Along the way she also succeeds in matching up the young and beautiful Widow Molloy with Vandergelder's head clerk, Cornelius Hackl; Cornelius' assistant, Barnaby Tucker, with Mrs Molloy's assistant, Minnie Fay; and struggling artist, Ambrose Kemper, with Mr Vandergelder's weeping niece, Ermengarde.

Mrs Levi tracks Vandergelder to his hay and feed store in Yonkers, then by train back to Mrs Molloy's hat shop in New York, out into the streets of the city where they are all caught up in the great Fourteenth Street Association Parade, and finally to the most elegant and expensive restaurant in town, the Harmonia Gardens.

There, Dolly is greeted by the waiters, cooks, doormen and wine stewards in one of the most famous songs in

the history of American musical comedy. Hello, Dolly!

What happens in the end? Dolly gets her man, of course, and even makes him glad she caught him.

Dolly leaves the stage at the end of act two with a wink to the audience as she takes a peep into Vandergelder's bulging cash register, and promises that his fortune will soon be put to good use, quoting her husband as she says: "Money, pardon the expression, is like manure."

"It's not worth a thing unless it's spread around encouraging young things to grow."

For further information and tickets to see Calamity Jane in the Assembly Hall at Essex Police Headquarters, Sandford Road, Chelmsford, from Tuesday to Saturday, April 12 to 16 at 7.30pm, with a 2.30pm matinee on Saturday, visit the society's website at epms.org.uk or call the booking line on 07867 851355.

For tickets and further information about Hello, Dolly! at Palace Theatre, Southend, from, April 13 to 16, visit the Palace Theatre website at southendtheatres.org.uk or call the box office on 01702 351135.

EDDIE THE EAGLE (PG, 106 mins)

WHEN Baron Pierre de Coubertin kindled interest in the modern Olympic movement at the end of the 19th century, he proposed a series of ideals to epitomise the spirit of the sporting contest.

"The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not winning but taking part; the essential thing in life is not conquering but fighting well," he professed.

That mantra of fearless yet honest participation was perfectly exemplified by Cheltenham-born athlete Michael Edwards, who became a media sensation as Eddie "the Eagle" Edwards in 1988 when he represented Great Britain in the ski jump in Calgary.

His remarkable story of triumph against gravity, which swelled the patriotic hearts of a nation, provides the creative spark for Dexter Fletcher's silver medal-winning comedy drama.

Screenwriters Sean Macaulay and Simon Kelton don't let the truth get in the way of telling a good yarn, slaloming between historical fact and humorous artistic licence to ensure their film remains giddily airborne.

Fletcher's light touch behind the lens concentrates on the camaraderie between a remarkable underdog and his fictional trainer, who defied the snooty naysayers to prove that anything is possible when you take a leap of faith.

Since he was a boy, Edwards (Taron Egerton) has driven his father Terry (Keith Allen) to distraction with a burning dream to compete in the Olympics.

Have-a-go-hero



Taron Egerton and Hugh Jackman

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The young man struggles to find a sport that suits him, so he switches attention to the Winter Olympics and discovers a loophole in the rulebook that would allow him to become Britain's first representative in the ski jump since 1929.

Aided and abetted by his mum, Janette (Jo Hartley), Eddie heads to Germany to a ski jumping training centre run by hard-drinking former competitor Bronson Peary (Hugh Jackman), who was booted off the US team by legendary coach Warren Sharp (Christopher Walken).

Bronson takes pity on Eddie and helps the newcomer to master the basics. But Dustin Target (Tim McInnerny), chairman of the British Olympic Committee, refuses to let Eddie compete on a technicality and adds a qualifying standard of 61m to

the rulebook at the last minute.

With time running out before the Calgary games, Eddie hits the European ski jumping tour with Bronson, determined to soar to break records rather than bones in his quest for Olympic qualification.

Eddie The Eagle is an unabashedly crowd-pleasing delight for all ages.

Egerton brings a sweetness and steely resolve to his plucky fish out of water, who defiantly tells a crowded news conference: "I did not come here as a novelty act... and I will not be going home as one."

Jackman offers robust support rabble-raising from the sidelines.

In real-life, Edwards never climbed atop the Olympic winner's podium, but this charming film is champion.

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Saturday, April 2

- Quiz Night – In aid of Cat Action Trust 1977, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh, £4, to book call 01702 477163 / 540903.
- Thorpe Bay Horticultural Society Spring Flower and Homecraft Show – St Augustine's Church Hall, SS1 3HB, 2.15 pm Admission 50p.
- Rayleigh History Walk – Rayleigh Windmill, Bellingham Lane, SS6 7ED, £2, details Mike 01268 775328.
- Basildon Saturday Club – For people with special needs, 9am to noon, games, music, arts, crafts, Ages 14 upwards, Frypa Hall, The Fryth, Basildon, 01268 415409.
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- Yugioh Club – play and trade yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 8EB, mini-tournaments, 1.30-4.20pm, 07985 671289.
- Dads and Kids Club – The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 10.30am-1.30pm, free entry for ages five to 17 with their fathers and father figures. 01268 779100.
- Saturday Morning Club – St Michael's Church Hall, Leigh Road, 10am to noon, free entry, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled. 01702 437863.
- Brush Strokes Art Group – Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, 9.15am-12.15pm, new members welcome. 01277 627043.
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Sunday, April 3

- South East Essex Ramblers – five-mile

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- Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz – Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, 12.30pm. 01702 345247.
- Sunday School – The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, 11am to noon, ages three to 10. Call 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation – Quaker Meeting House, Donald Road, Leigh-on-Sea, 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation.
- King's Church Southend – Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, every Sunday 10.30am-noon, 01702 523639.
- Greek Community of Southend & District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourios and St Paul's, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, 10am to noon. 01702 466435.
- Sunday Club – TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (ages three to 12), Bible stories, craft, singing, 10.45-11.45am, no charge, details 01702 554904.
- Mojo Friendship Club – Travellers' Joy, Downhill Road, Rayleigh, 11am, details Mo 07757 658799 or 07842 211218.

Monday, April 4

- Games Club – St Clement's Church, The Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Scrabble, chess, rummikub, backgammon and lots more. 2pm-4pm. Tel 07884 148148.
- Ron Spack's Jazztet – Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, Ian Thompson, sax, Gareth George, guitar 8.30pm. 01702 512819.
- Coffee Morning – Christ Church, Wickford, 9am to noon. All welcome.
- Club 50+ – 1B Queens Road, Southend, 9.30am-3.30pm, daily, £2 day pass, details 01702 346863.
- Sunshine Coffee Morning – for parents in Graylands and Felmores area, Briscoe Community Centre, 9-11am, free workshop, coffee and creche. Call Dawn 07880 035968, or turn up.
- Dance class – usually six-week course, ballroom, Latin American, Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. Info: 01702 546219/542349.
- Leigh Scrabble Club – 7-10pm. All standards, Wesley Hall, Leigh Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Just turn up or call Peter on 01268 727915.
- George Hurd Centre, Basildon, for the over-50s. Craft: 10am to noon, tai chi: whist 9.45am-12.30pm, 10am to noon, art: 12.30-2.30pm, choir: 2.30-4pm, indoor bowls: 2-4pm, £2, 01268 465854.
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■ Scrabble Club – Hockley local centre (rear of library) 6.30-10pm, first two visits free, 01702 205910.
■ Ladies Fellowship – Salvation Army in Hadleigh, 7.30pm, 50p per week or annual subscription, just come along or call 017002 551470.
■ The Puffer's Club, Exercise Class for people with breathing difficulties run by people with breathing difficulties, Ambleside Sports and Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, 12.45-2.30pm. 01702 610050/466827.
■ Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group – Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, 9.30am-2pm.
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■ Singles Social Group – The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age 50-plus, 8pm. 07970 432994.
■ Singles Friendship Club for 50-plus – South Benfleet Social Club, 8.15pm, details Maureen 01268 692998.
■ New and nearly new stall – outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, (if wet in church foyer), 10am-noon.
■ Table Top Sale – Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems. 01702 258661.
■ Carpet Bowls – Eastwood Community Centre, top of Morrisons car park, 3.30-5.30pm, no experience necessary, £2 per session, joining fee £5, first session free.
■ Bingo and Hoy – Wick Community Centre, Wickford, 1.30-4pm, details John Clarke 01268 570575.
■ Top Cats Social Club – Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities, aged 25-plus, £2 per session, details 01702 341250.
■ Tuesday Luncheon Club – Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, details 01702 478691/ 525141/340617.
■ Little Lunchers Activity Club – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.
■ Vange Tots – Vange Community Centre,

Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all. 01268 498642.
■ Shoebury Flagship – Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoebury, 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team with advice and support for parents with babies and children up to five. 01702 577656.

Wednesday, April 6

■ Leigh Travel Club – talk on Italian Dolomites by Colin Hendry and Barbara Kinder, Iveagh Hall, 67 Leigh Road, Leigh-on-Sea. Doors 7.30pm, £2. Details Lynda 01702 474475.
■ TEDFAS (Thames Estuary Decorative and Fine Arts Society) – The Freight House, Bradley Way, Rochford, 10.30am and 2pm. Tribal Rugs of the Black Tent. Speaker: Brian MacDonald. Visitors welcome. Details 01702 479416 or 01268 771120.
■ South East Essex Ramblers – nine-mile walk, Bures to Little Horkesley, 9am car share from Victoria Road car park, Rayleigh, SS6 8EG. Details 07519 145218. Five-mile walk Stambbridge and fields, 10am layby outside nursing home, SS3 0NL. Details 01702 354375.
■ Hatha Yoga Class – Leigh Community Centre, Leigh-on-Sea, 9.30-11am. 01702 552260.
■ Sculpture, Stone Carving & Lettering – Traditional tools and professional tuition. 8-10pm, Studio Workshop, West Road, Shoeburyness. Jim Davis 01702 292867.
■ Southend Beating Bowel Cancer Support Group – Nazareth House, London Road, Southend, 1.30-4.30pm, details Janet Wagstaff 01702 312959.
■ Line dancing lessons – 12.30-2.30pm, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 3PA. 07948 108195.
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■ The Concord Ladies Club of Rayleigh – 1.30-3pm. Caley Hall, Crown Hill, Rayleigh, 01268 743240.
■ Leigh Singles Social Club – 45-65s, Bellini's, London Road, Leigh. leighsingles.co.uk.
■ Activity Session for children with special needs, aged five to 18, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh. Donation of £1 per session, siblings welcome.
■ Graham's Social Tea Dance – Richmond Hall, Richmond Avenue, Benfleet. Ballroom, Latin and sequence dances for all abilities. 2-4.25pm, over-18s, £4. 01268 752473.
■ Barn Dance – Grand Ceilidh Club, Royal Naval Association, East Street, Southend, live music, 8.30pm. 01702 553622.
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Q: Who is the blood-curdling villain in Tosca?

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B: Cesare Angelotti

C: Baron Scarpia

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CRYPTIC CLUES ACROSS

1. Cure for a dirty wet-suit? (3-8)
9. Do something – take part! (3)
10. Unwell and resting, but uncomfortable (3,2,4)
11. Cover doctor put on primate (5)
13. Began in a surprised way? (7)
14. The sauce in this barrel is hot stuff! (6)
16. Suitable for a servant in meal preparation (6)
18. Conspicuous because lacking in ability? (7)
19. Could perhaps show strength (5)
20. It provides notes on the right steps to take (5-4)
21. Eastward-pointing extremity (3)
22. Try insect in international sport (4,7)

DOWN

2. Sailor put up deserter (3)
3. Sounds as if one needs warm clothing here! (5)
4. Silent about having to join up (6)
5. Shell for mad person? (3-4)
6. Close shave from an object within reach? (4,5)
7. Bomb thrown by worker angered in riot (4-7)
8. Write terse dental material (4,1,6)
12. Everyone in unison suddenly (3,2,4)
15. The topic is 'The Underdog' (7)
17. Patch up broken couples? (6)
19. I object to doctor disposing of half the wine (5)
21. The match ended all square (3)



QUICK CLUES ACROSS

1. Coin-collector (11)
9. Sister (3)
10. Try (9)
11. Banish (5)
13. Appendix (7)
14. Underhand (6)
16. Jew (6)
18. Apprentice (7)
19. Drawing room (5)
20. Deign (9)
21. Signal (3)
22. Heat level (11)

DOWN

2. Vase (3)
3. Perfect (5)
4. Noon (6)
5. Nonsense (7)
6. Rascal (9)
7. Unfeeling (11)
8. Wage-earner (11)
12. Early (9)
15. Relationship (7)
17. Mend (6)
19. Fragrance (5)
21. Dog (3)

Last week's solutions

Across: 1. Akin; 3. Seacraft; 5. Extract; 10. Trick; 11. Travell; 16. Engage; 18. Issue; 19. Scab. Down: 2. Vase; 3. Perfect; 4. Noon; 5. Nonsense; 6. Rascal; 7. Unfeeling; 8. Wage-earner; 12. Early; 15. Relationship; 17. Mend; 19. Fragrance; 21. Dog.

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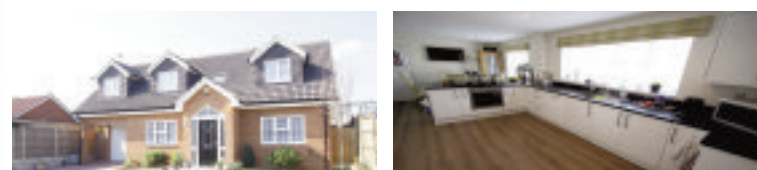
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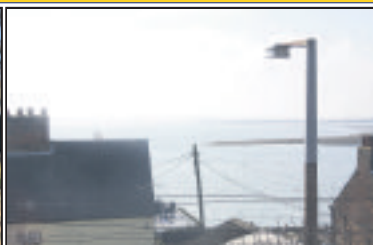
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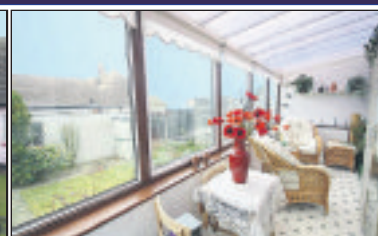
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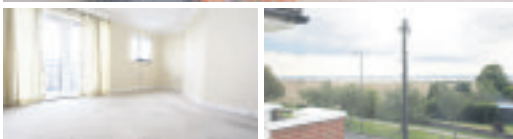
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This is a modern three bedroom semi detached chalet, situated within a quiet cul de sac close to the local amenities. This property benefits from three good sized bedrooms, a modern kitchen and bathroom and an L shape lounge diner. There is a rear garden and off street parking available! EPC Band C / Fees Apply

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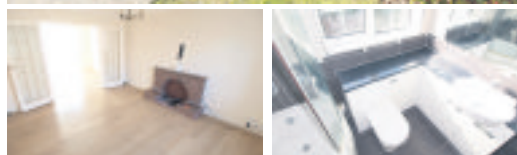


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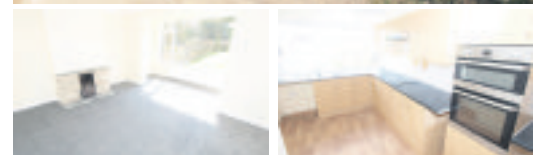


This is a recently refurbished four bedroom detached house within a quiet cul de sac close to Southend Airport. The property comprises of a lounge, dining room, modern kitchen, downstairs WC, four bedrooms with a large master, and a modern bathroom. There are front & rear gardens and off street parking. Available March! EPC Band D / Fees Apply

Hockley / £1150pcm



TO LET



This good size recently decorated three bedroom semi detached house in Hockley comprises of a large modern kitchen, lounge, dining room, further reception room, family bathroom and three bedrooms. There is a good size rear garden and plenty of off street parking. Available for an immediate move! EPC on order / Fees Apply

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Westcliff On Sea £130,000



Attractive and well maintained second floor apartment situated within a popular location of Westcliff. Preston Road is situated close to Hamlet Court Road shops and Westcliff railway station and South of the London Road. The property has the advantage of full gas central heating and double glazing as well as views towards the Estuary and own allocated off street parking space.

Southend On Sea £680 pcm



Recently converted second floor apartment situated above a shop along the High Street opposite Marks and Spencers, large lounge incorporating kitchen area with integrated oven and four ring hob, stainless steel extractor fan, access to fridge and freezer, plumbing and access for washing machine, double bedroom, shower with separate wc, full gas central heating and double glazing, permit parking available.

Southend On Sea £725 pcm



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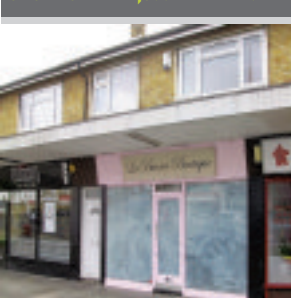
Situated in Southend High Street, the property comprises of a three storey mid terrace retail unit. On the ground floor retail area of approx 1,500 sq ft, fitting rooms and further storage. The second floor provides a further 500 sq ft of sales area with fitting rooms. The third floor provides male and female toilets, kitchen, managers office and further storage.



SOUTHEND ON SEA OFFICE TO LET £8,500 PER ANNUM

This recently refurbished first floor front office benefiting from three separate offices and storage area. Recent works carried out include new double glazing, new carpets and decorated throughout. There is communal male and female toilets and kitchen. Close to Southend Town Centre.

SOUTHEND ON SEA SHOP TO LET £7,500 PER ANNUM



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Hockley £795,000

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Prince Avenue £325,000

3 bed semi, good size rear garden with a 24ft garage leading with an adjoined office 11'5 and a large summer house. the property has a spacious reception hall, a lounge to the front of the property, a g/f cloakroom, a fitted kitchen diner and on the first floor are 3 bedrooms and a spacious four piece bathroom suite.



Rochford £269,995

3 bed semi detached house with the benefit of a 55ft rear garden backing onto farmland. The property has the advantage of a block paved driveway and garage providing off road parking. Internally the property has a ground floor shower room, a kitchen breakfast room, a separate dining room and a lounge.



Hullbridge £189,995

A two bedroom first floor modern apartment set in the village on Hullbridge. The property benefits from a 14'9 lounge, a modern fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, a 11'2 bedroom, a modern white bathroom, off road parking and a communal rear garden. No onward chain, sole agents.



Ashingdon £345,000

DETACHED three bedroom bungalow in need of modernisation with a garage and off road parking the property benefits from a good size south facing rear garden, gas central heating, a 17'11 lounge diner, an en suite to the master bedroom, a spacious reception hall. no onward chain, off road parking and a garage.

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Westcliff on £210,000

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South Fambridge £1,400 pcm

4 bed detached family home. The property includes three reception rooms, utility room, en-suite, family bathroom. To the side of the property there is an additional garden area as well as a double garage. Viewing essential. Working applicants only, no pets. Available late March 2106.



Hawkwell £1,595 pcm

3/4 bed cottage. Set within picturesque gardens. Accommodation includes, rear aspect lounge, dining room, kitchen, bedroom four/ office, cloakroom and utility to the ground floor. Three further bedrooms and bathroom to the first floor. Available immediately, working applicants only.



Hockley £950 pcm

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BLUES' PLAY-OFF HOPES FALTER

Football

Rochdale 4 Southend United 1 Sky Bet League One

SOUTHEND United manager Phil Brown has conceded that his team's chances of reaching the League One play-offs are virtually nil after this comprehensive defeat at Spotland on Friday.

Blues supporters however, at least the more optimistic fans, will agree with captain Adam Barrett, who refused to admit that the dream is over, with eight games to go and 24 points still to play for.

Blues started well and took the lead on 28 minutes when a through ball from Anthony Wordsworth was neatly controlled by Jack Payne who lifted the ball over the advancing keeper.

Rochdale, who came into the game as League One's in-form team, pressed for an equaliser and it was veteran goal poacher Grant Holt who scored from close range

after a left wing cross was allowed to cross the area for him to convert at the far post on 41 minutes. Half-time arrived with the teams all square, but it was Rochdale who stepped up a gear in the second half.

The Lancashire side have play-off aspirations of their own and pushed forwards with a shot crashing off the bar after only two minutes of the second period.

The Dale continued their good work down the left flank and as the ball was pulled back to Joe Rafferty, he sent a low shot skimming past Daniel Bentley's right hand after 49 minutes.

They continued to press and it was no surprise when another sortie down the left saw captain Jamie Allen score a similar goal on 61 minutes.

Brown brought on Sam McQueen and Jamar Loza for Glen Kamara and Kevan Hurst, and Blues tried in vain to get back

into the game. David Worrall replaced captain John White as the Blues changed to three at the back, and they pushed forward with hopes of a revival, with Barrett shooting over when he was well placed.

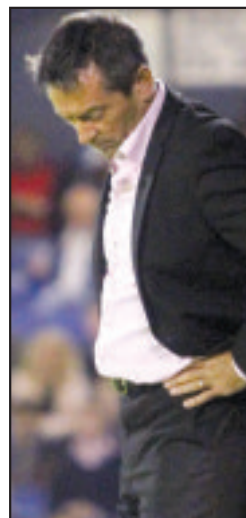
Rochdale continued to threaten and wrapped up the points on 90 minutes when Joe Bunney brushed aside two challenges before beating Bentley at the second attempt.

Southend United's next game sees Sheffield United visit Roots Hall on Wednesday, March 30.

Rochdale: Lillis, Rafferty, Eastham, Canavan, McNulty, Camps (Cannon 90+1), Allen, Rose, McDermott (Bunney 84), Holt, Mendez-Laing (Vincenti 71). Subs not used: Lancashire, Barry-Murphy, Collis, Syers.

Southend: Bentley, White (Worrall 75), Thompson, Barrett, Coker, Hurst (Loza 63), Deegan, Wordsworth, Kamara (McQueen 63), Payne, Barnett. Subs not used: Weston, Atkinson, McLaughlin, O'Neill.

Referee: Jeremy Simpson
Attendance: 3,018



SLIM CHANCE: Phil Brown

Stars align for Noble's testimonial game

Football

West Ham United 6 West Ham All-Stars 5 Brian Jeeves reporting from Upton Park

WEST Ham United fans turned out in force to honour captain Mark Noble, who celebrated 12 years at Upton Park with a hugely entertaining testimonial match against a star-studded Hammers legends team, led by Sir Trevor Brooking and Billy Bonds.

Since making his debut in a League Cup tie against Southend United in 2004, Noble has accumulated 358 appearances and a host of former stars, including Paolo Di Canio, Rio Ferdinand and David James took to the pitch to show their support.

The 28-year-old midfielder acknowledged all those who supported the day, saying: "What an amazing day for everyone, my family, the fans, the club. It couldn't have turned out any better."

As is often the case on these occasions, exchanges were timid yet warmly received by the capacity crowd, and it was the sprightly All-Stars who grabbed the lead thanks to a neat side-footed effort from Craig Bellamy.

Former England goalkeeper James received some good-natured stick from the Boleyn faithful after denying man of the moment Noble an instant equaliser, but in the 25th

minute the crowd got the moment they craved as the Hammers skipper found the bottom corner to restore parity.

And the fun had only just begun. Spanish goalkeeper Adrian haphazardly dribbled the length of the pitch before firing the current crop of Hammers ahead. Alex Song added a third from close range, while Noble's curing effort hit the foot of an upright soon after. Shortly before the break Diafra Sakho tapped home after Noble teed him up to make it 4-1.

The entertainment continued after the break with Teddy Sheringham reducing the arrears for the All-Stars after Dean Ashton had been thwarted. Sakho's second of the afternoon added to the precession of goals to restore the current team's three-goal advantage.

Ashton brought the house down with the goal of the afternoon, a spectacular bicycle kick following Ian Bishop's pinpoint centre, and the popular frontman pulled the All-Stars within touching distance of their counterparts with his second soon after.

The huge crowd remained behind to a man, watching a penalty shoot-out after the full-time whistle. But of course, this was never about the result. Noble used the afternoon to raise much needed money and awareness for his chosen charities, Help for Heroes, Richard House Children's Hospice and The

Dylan Tombides Foundation.

Noble said after the match: "To be honest I feel worse now than I do after a normal Premier League game."

"Just the emotion and stress of putting something like this together. I didn't realise what goes on behind the scenes to get a game like this up and running. I can't thank everyone enough for what they have done for me, it was a massive honour."

Former Hammers captain Bonds said: "Mark has given all the money to charity today, which is a great gesture."

West Ham United (From): Winston Reid, Aaron Cresswell, Alex Song, James Tomkins, Andy Carroll, Adrian, Pedro Obiang, Diafra Sakho, Mark Noble, Joey O'Brien, James Collins, Angelo Ogbonna, Sam Byram, Manuel Lanzini, Emmanuel Emenike, Michael Antonio, Raphael Spiegel, George Dobson, Moses Makasi, Amos Nasha, Djair Parfitt-Williams, Alex Pike

West Ham United All-Stars (From): Robert Green, David James, Ludek Miklosko, Paul Konchesky, Danny Gabbidon, Anton Ferdinand, Christian Dailly, Kevin Keen, Scott Parker, Teddy Sheringham, Trevor Sinclair, Dean Ashton, Jack Collison, Paulo Di Canio, Marlon Harewood, John Moncur, Stewart Downing, Steve Lomas, Jamie Redknapp, Carlton Cole, Ian Bishop, Chris Cohen, Yossi Benayoun, Rio Ferdinand, Ravel Morrison, Matthew Upson, Michael Carrick, Elliott Ward, Jimmy Walker, Bobby Zamora, Lee Bowyer, Freddie Sears, Chris Powell, Taylor Tombides, Julian Dicks

Referee: Andre Marriner
Assistants: Darren Blunden and Paul Kelly
Fourth Official: Andy Woolmer
Attendance: 35,036

Non-league round-up

Concord better rivals Chelmsford

By Brian Jeeves

CONCORD Rangers took the National League South bragging rights after a second half goal from Steve Cawley saw the Beach Boys overcome local rivals Chelmsford City at the Aspect Arena. A crowd of 585 were at the Canvey club's home for this eagerly anticipated derby clash. Cawley's strike moves Concord into 10th place in the table, while City are hovering two points above the drop zone in 18th.

Braintree Town enhanced their National League play-off ambitions with a 1-0 win over a stubborn Bromley outfit at Cressing Road. A bumper crowd of 1,321 saw Simeon Akinola's goal on the stroke of half-time earn the Iron maximum points.

Big winners of the day in the Ryman Premier Division were East Thurrock United. The Rocks kept up their play-off charge with a 3-0 triumph at Metropolitan Police, Ryan Sammons, Thomas Wraight and Ben Marlow were all on target for the visitors.

A last-minute own goal from David Diedhiou earned relegation-threatened Brentwood Town a 1-1 draw at Hendon after former Canvey Island man Kezie Ibe had fired the hosts ahead.

But it wasn't such a happy Easter for several of the region's other Ryman Premier clubs. Billericay Town went down by the odd goal in five to Farnborough at New Lodge, and there was a 2-0 setback for Canvey Island at Tonbridge Angels. Grays Athletic were also beaten as visitors Merstham took the points with a 3-1 win.

In Division One North Billy Roast and Rhys Henry were on target as Maldon & Tiptree won 2-0 at Wroxham.

Nicholas Reynolds and James Ishmail guided Romford to a 2-1 win over Great Wakering Rovers, Billy Johnson replied for the villagers.

Meanwhile, Ricky Griggs hit the only goal as Brightlingsea Regent took the honours at Tilbury.

Daniel Aristidou and Ross Dedman scored either side of the break as Haringey Borough saw off Redbridge 2-0, and Heybridge Swifts were also winners, edging out Bury Town 2-1. A crowd of 270 at Bridge Avenue saw AFC Hornchurch and Thurrock play out a tense goalless draw, while Andres Losada Tobon was on target as Aveley grabbed a 1-1 draw at Cheshunt. Elsewhere Witham Town went down by a single goal at Cray Wanderers.

In the Essex Senior League, Bowers & Pitsea continued to show few signs of an FA Vase hangover after recording a thumping 7-1 victory over Tower Hamlets at the Len Salmon Stadium, and there was an entertaining 3-1 derby win for Barkingside over Clapton. Basildon United maintained their title challenge with a narrow 2-1 success over Eton Manor and there were wins for Sporting Bengal United, 3-1 over Southend Manor, and Wadham Lodge, 2-0 at Burnham Ramblers. Waltham Forest were also among the goals, thrashing Enfield 1893 4-0.

Iford recovered to grab a vital point in a 2-2 draw with Greenhouse Sports at the Cricklefield Stadium, and it was all-square between Hullbridge Sports and Stansted (1-1), while London Bari's clash with Sawbridgeworth Town ended goalless. In the ProKit UK Essex Olympian League, Hannakins Farm won a thrilling Premier Division clash with Newham United 5-3, while Harold Wood Athletic were 4-0 winners at Newbury Forest.

In Division One, Basildon Town saw off Hutton by a single goal, and there was a goal-feast between Old Southend and Snaresbrook at Garon Park, the eventual outcome a 4-4 draw. In Division Two Roydon beat Westhamians 4-1 and FC Hamlets edged out East Londoners 3-2.



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